

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 437

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Northeast High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps upon placing first in the Armed Division of the Challenge Level at National High School Drill Team Championships.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to honor those high school students whose commitment to this Nation and dedication to excellence can only be categorized as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Northeast High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) comprise one such estimable group of students; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast High School JROTC recently placed first in the Armed Division of the Challenge Level at the National High School Drill Team Championships in Daytona Beach, Florida; team members finished in the top six in three of four competition categories to earn the national title; and

WHEREAS, a record-tying 144 schools from thirty states, with a total of 3,703 Cadets, competed in the meet; it is the first national championship for Northeast, which captured fourth place a year ago; and

WHEREAS, the esteemed members of the Northeast High School JROTC are: John Alexander, Chantelle Anthony, Desireay Anthony, Kayla Breed, Adrienne Dennis, Jessica Dix, David Felix, Andrew Finch, Nickolas Finch, Shanice Fortin, Hailey Franklin, Chris Hand, Ashley Harris, Sarah Hooker, Scott House, Jessica Hunt, Steven Jackman, Leslie Jordan, Courtney Kelly, Tara Kendall, Saqib Khan, Charles CD Knight, Nick Maguire, Danielle Malloy, Alex Minjarez, Quentessia W. Northington, Jacey Ohlinger, Ryan Oldfield, Jazlyn Redd, Christine Reinert, Dominic Rodriguez, Tyler Sivis, and Ian Woolf; and

WHEREAS, using his considerable talents, Jacey Ohlinger won in the Armed IDR Knockout Drill; and

WHEREAS, Northeast JROTC team members excelled under the able guidance and astute mentorship of their coach and advisor, Sergeant Major Dennis Floden; and

WHEREAS, serving as an example of the exceptional quality of Tennessee's youth, the Northeast High School JROTC members showed great sportsmanship and outstanding character, conducting themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men and women surely bodes well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to recognize the Northeast High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the fine members of the Northeast High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps upon placing first in the Armed Division of the Challenge Level at the National High School Drill Team Championships and wish them success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.